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Subject: **MASHIN Mykola**

Source: **RA A/57**

Date: **23 Feb. 1966**

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1. Meeting took place 22 Feb. 1966 in the lobby of the International House of Columbia University. Source called Subject on the house phone and arranged the meeting.

2. Subject and Source exchanged addresses, Subject's add: Kiev-115 uyl. Barvysta no. 5.

3. Source gave Subject the book Bereh Chekan by Symonenko. Subject was very much interested in it, and upon looking through it asked if it contained a speech by DEIUBA Ivan, given at a memorial evening for Symonenko in Kiev last year. When Source replied that he was unfamiliar with this speech, and asked Subject to elaborate on it, he mentioned that his wife's brother DAKHNO was present at this ceremony, and that according to him, DEIUBA criticized literary policy in Ukraine very sharply, attacked older writers in their stand on Symonenko. When asked if this speech of Deiuba's was published anywhere, Subject was not sure, but added that it was well known, and that he was sure the Ukrainian emigration had a copy of it. Source answered that he did not know, and that this is the first time he had heard of this, but asked Subject to get him a copy of the speech if it really was worthwhile, to this Subject did not comment.

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4. When asked if in Sumner's opinion it was worthwhile publishing Bereh Chekan he did not answer immediately, but referred instead to the recent trial against SINYAVSKY and DANIEL, saying that the times are not stable now, later he replied that everything should be published, and if it was up to him, Bereh Chekan would be published right away.

5. Subject only commented on the trial of SINYAVSKY and DANIEL saying that the sentence's were too strict, and that he believes they will be commuted soon. At first Subject tried to defend the court's position, and

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the arrest of the writers, but eventually agreed with Source that in no conceivable way can the trial<sup>be</sup> excused. When asked if the trial of the two Russian writers will have any effect on Ukrainian literary life, Subject was not sure, and did not venture to guess.

6. Subject stated that the Union Republics will be given a larger voice in their own affairs at the party congress to be held next month. This will take place in both economical and political fields. About specific reforms along this line he was not sure.

7. When asked about the possibility of Ukraine leaving the USSR, Subject said that at present it is not practical, but in 10-15 years it will be more realistic. He did not discount the possibility of Ukraine having a status similar to Poland or Rumania in the future, and hoped that it will be given some thought to.

8. Subject seemed enthusiastic about the new land reforms in the USSR, in particular the reform whereby 2-3 families will receive land from the collective farm, work this land as their own, and sell all surplus produce to the government at a set price. Subject thinks this is a very interesting proposition, and is worth studying.

9. Source engaged Subject in a conversation about nationalism versus internationalism in the communist world. Source tried to show that the USSR is the only communist country which loudly and openly propagates the idea of internationalism, while the countries of Eastern Europe, and China ignore this question, and instead openly advocate nationalism. Subject did not argue back just smiled.

10. According to Subject the poem "Nekroloh Komyrdayanovy Kachanovi" by Symonenko was published in a local newspaper in Cherkassy.

11. No definite future meeting was set, with Subject telling Source to see him at the end of March.

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